

Torrance, California.
November 1, 1927.

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF TORRANCE.

A regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Torrance was held in the Council Chambers at Torrance, California, Nov. 1, 1927, and was called to order at 7:45 p.m. by Mayor Dennis.

The following Councilmen were present: Conner, Inman, Raymond, Wolfe and Dennis. Absent: None.

The minutes of the regular meeting of October 18, 1927, were read and approved as read.

The letter from the Press Telegram, Oct. 18, regarding advertising in the New Year's edition, was referred without any instructions, to the Chamber of Commerce on motion by Councilman Conner, seconded by Councilman Wolfe, and a majority vote.

A letter from Shirley C. Ward, Treasurer of the Metropolitan Water District, acknowledging receipt of \$25.00, was ordered filed.

An invitation was received from the League of California Municipalities desiring attendance of representatives at a convention of the California Municipal Traffic League to be held Nov. 18, and 20, 1927. The letter was referred to the Mayor to act accordingly. The Mayor intimated that he would conscript the City Attorney and the Police Chief as aides.

The letter from the P. E. dated Oct. 28, 1927, regarding grade crossing over right of way on El Prado just west of Western, was ordered filed for later consideration on motion by Councilman Wolfe, seconded by Councilman Raymond, and a majority vote.

Mr. Winters, Mrs. Zhradnik and others of the audience spoke to the Board concerning street lighting, claiming the necessity was apparent and that they thought the public would be quite willing to vote bonds.

The opinion of the Board, as stated by each member, was that plans and specifications should be presented by Engineer Leonard, and in such manner that the cost of the installation would be approximately correct.

Engineer Leonard stated that the first necessary thing to do was to decide the area to be lighted and to confer with the Edison Co. as to the location of feeders and also recommended that Mr. Lee be given the job of preparing plans and specifications at the regular 2%, contingent on the proposition going through to completion.

Mr. Leonard mentioned that the Edison Co. was proposing to build a sub station here as it was becoming impossible to supply juice through transformers on poles and had spoken of a location on Madrid Ave. near Redondo Blvd. as a possible place to build a bungalow-type station; that the location would have to be re-zoned.

The matter of issuing a building permit for a store on the corner of Madrid and Sonoma was laid over until the next meeting on motion by Councilman Wolfe, seconded by Councilman Raymond, and a majority vote.

Engineer Leonard stated that the location of a high tension pole line had been definitely settled, same was to be placed on Madrid instead of on Acacia as at first proposed.

Councilman Raymond stated that the budget was running along in good shape outside of the sewer and street improvement accts.

Councilman Conner stated that the City was overlooking a revenue of some \$2000.00 a year by not requiring wholesalers to pay a business license; that all other cities in the vicinity were collecting such a license; that local firms were paying while outside creameries, bakeries, etc. were not.

The matter was discussed to some extent and on Attorney Briney's statement that the ordinance already covered the matter, it was decided that the ordinance should be enforced and the police department so advised.

Mayor Dennis asked if the Council wished to take any action on Mr. Vonderahe's suggestion that the sign at the East road and Main Street be moved to a more auspicious location.

As the sign is owned by the Chamber of Commerce, the Council refused to make any recommendations--deeming that the matter had been heretofore referred to said Chamber.

Attorney Briney read:
RESOLUTION NO. 342

BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Torrance that the easement from the Santa Fe and Los Angeles Harbor Railway Co. to the City of Torrance covering sewer line across the 60 foot right of way of said Railway, at a point 150 feet north of Redondo Blvd., be accepted and the City Clerk instructed to cause same to be recorded in the County Recorder's office.

Councilman Wolfe moved that Resolution No. 342 be adopted as read and same filed in the office of the City Clerk. Councilman Inman seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Councilmen:	Conner, Inman, Raymond, Wolfe and Dennis.
NOES:	"	None.
ABSENT:	"	None.

Attorney Briney stated that the City Attorney's Association of California was protesting the raising of rates by the P. E. and that Torrance's allocated expense was about \$125.00; that he did not know whether the City cared to share the expense or not but cited the good work that had been done by the Association in protesting the proposed rate increase by the Gas Co.

Councilman Wolfe moved that \$125.00 be appropriated as the City's share of the expense of protesting a raise in rates by the P. E. Co. Councilman Inman seconded the motion which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Councilmen:	Conner, Inman, Raymond, Wolfe and Dennis.
NOES:	"	None.
ABSENT:	"	None.

Councilman Wolfe moved that all bills, properly audited, be paid. Councilman Inman seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES:	Councilmen:	Conner, Inman, Raymond, Wolfe and Dennis.
NOES:	"	None.
ABSENT:	"	None.

Councilman Conner moved that the meeting adjourn until Nov. 8, 1927, at 7:45 p.m. Councilman Raymond seconded the motion, which was duly carried.

G. H. Bartlett
City Clerk of the City of Torrance

Approved:

John Dennis
Mayor of the City of Torrance